Olympic and Sports Museum Joan Antoni Samaranch

The **Juan Antonio Samaranch Olympic and Sports Museum** (Catalan: *Museu Olímpic i de l'Esport Joan Antoni Samaranch*, IPA: [muˈzɛw uˈlimpiɣ i ðə ləsˈpɔɾd ʒuˈan ənˈtɔni səməˈɾaŋ]) opened in 2007 at the Olympic Ring in Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain. The museum is located in front of the Lluís Companys Olympic Stadium at the Montjuïc hill. In June 2010 it was renamed in honour of Juan Antonio Samaranch, who was president of the International Olympic Committee from 1980 to 2001 and a key person during the 1992 Summer Olympics, which were held in Barcelona.[1]

The museum displays high-performance sport competitions, recreational sports, sports in general and sports for disabled people. It shows how sport can promote values, educate, innovate and renew. The museum has a sport idols space with outstanding players. It also hosts an area for mass sport and major events. It includes advanced technology and interactive multimedia installations.

One of the most emblematic collections of the museum was donated by the museum's namesake, Juan Antonio Samaranch.

It also includes a temporary exhibition hall and a display of sport in different civilizations. The museum is managed by the Barcelona Olympic Foundation, which is headquartered at the museum.

The museum project was approved by the Barcelona city council in 2005. The museum opened on March 21, 2007.[1]

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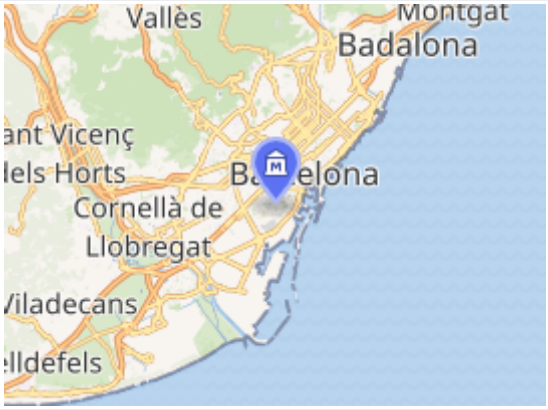
Museum entrance



Established	2007
Location	Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain
Coordinates	41.366331°N 2.157064°E
Type	Sports museum
Website	www.museuolimpicbcn.cat (http://www.museuolimpicbcn.cat)

See also

- Olympic Museum (disambiguation)

References

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